

Weekly Status & Information Report: April 4 - April 8, 2011

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of April 11, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Recreation Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 12, 7 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Takoma Park Board of Elections meeting, Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m. in the Third Floor Council Conference Room
- Emergency Preparedness Committee meeting, Thursday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- City Council meeting, Thursday, April 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise.

Contact jessiec@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. Notice of Public Hearing - FY 2012 Proposed Budget: The City Council will hold a public hearing at 8 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2011 to hear comments on the City Manager's proposed FY 2012 budget. Persons wishing to comment may attend the public hearing in the Auditorium and sign up to speak, or comment in writing to City Clerk Jessie Carpenter, 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912, e-mail: Clerk@takomagov.org. The City Manager's proposed budget is available for review online at

<http://takomaparkmd.gov/finance/fy12/proposed/index.html>.

(City Clerk)

3. Ward 3 Night Monday, April 11: Residents of Ward 3 are invited to join the City Council on Monday, April 11, for a reception from 7-7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Lobby. A special Ward 3 public comment session will be held at the beginning of the City Council meeting, starting at 7:30 p.m. Residents who have questions may contact their City Councilmember or Jessie Carpenter, City Clerk at 301-891-7267, jessiec@takomagov.org.

(City Clerk)

4. Art Hop - Saturday and Sunday: Main Street Takomas Second Annual Art Hop showcases the work of more than 40 artists throughout the businesses in Old Takoma. A variety of art is featured and available for purchase including photography, mixed media, sculpture, jewelry, textiles, and painting. Main Street Takoma promises to keep your self-guided tour of its unique shops and businesses lively with artist demonstrations, artist talks, music, street performers and kid activities. <http://arthoptakoma.com>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

5. "We are Takoma" Presents Killer Stilts this Sunday: The dames of Killer Stilts sing, squabble and laugh out loud about Beauty, Money, Sex, Love and conspiracy ... lots of thought provoking, irreverent and musical conversation. A great opportunity to hear a diverse collection of original jazz, funk, blues and pop blended with provocative dialogue, a large dollop of humor and the meaning of life as seen through the eyes of three crazy dames. Ro Cube on Keys, Wardell Howell on Bass and Eric Haskins on Drums. This is a FREE EVENT with a suggested

donation of \$15. Seating is limited. Advance reservations may be made at 301.793.6550. <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=171021452946046>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

6. Nuclear Free Committee Film Series - April 12: Driven by intensely personal testimony and painstaking research, "Deadly Deception: General Electric, Nuclear Weapons and Our Environment" exposes a shocking pattern of negligence and misinformation spanning several decades. Nine months after this film won the 1991 Oscar for Best Short Documentary, GE pulled out of its work with the nuclear weapons industry. Guest speakers are Leo Slaggie, Deputy Solicitor for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Cindy Folkers, Radiation Health Specialist with Beyond Nuclear. The April 12th screening begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=188699021174518>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

7. Show Your Support of "Safe Routes to Schools": On Thursday, April 14, Whole Foods Silver Spring will donate 5% of its net sales to Takoma Park's Safe Routes to School program. Shop to benefit the upcoming 5K Challenge and the walking/health programs at Takoma Park ES, Rolling Terrace ES, East Silver Spring ES and Piney Branch ES!! For details, visit us on www.TKPK5K.com. (*Housing and Community Development*)

8. "We are Takoma" Speakers Series - April 14: Join us next Thursday for Julius Caesar, Empire, and the Fall of the Roman Republic In this fascinating exploration of one of the most powerful peoples in human history, historian Arthur Eckstein will compare Roman imperial expansion to that of other states, the ideals of masculinity; and the concomitant temptations of power. Lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 14 in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=205550409472804>. (*Housing and Community Development*)

9. Free Annual Credit Reports: Many companies claim to offer free credit reports, however the only authorized source for a free annual credit report is at www.AnnualCreditReport.com. You can request your free report online, by phone (1-877-322-8228) or by mail (Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, Georgia, 30348-5281) No matter how you request your report, you have the option to request one report from each of the credit reporting agencies (total 3 reports per year). Many stagger their requests throughout the year, so that they can monitor the reports for the entire year. (*Housing and Community Development*)

10. May is Building Safety Month!: Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services will be offering free deck maintenance inspections for single-family detached homes, townhouses and duplex dwellings. The inspection will include a checklist for homeowners to help them maintain a safe structure. Contact the Department of Permitting Services during the month of May, at 240-777-6300, dps@montgomerycountymd.gov for more information. (*Housing and Community Development*)

11. Montgomery County Energy Efficiency Funding: Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection is offering a rebate program for commercial and multi-family

properties to make energy-saving facility improvements. Two funding rounds are available, with due dates on April 15 and May 15. Visit www.mcenergyfunding.com for more information. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. **"Fair Housing Matters":** Landlord-Tenant staff attended a State of Maryland and Montgomery County sponsored conference on Fair Housing that was held at the Silver Spring Civic Center located at Veterans Plaza in Silver Spring on Thursday, April 7 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Speakers included Marvin Turner, Director of the HUD field office in Washington DC, Isiah Leggett, Montgomery County Executive, and James L. Stowe, Director of Montgomery County's Office of Human Rights. An array of exhibitors at the conference provided information on resources that are available from their government agencies and non-profit organizations. *(Housing and Community Development)*

13. **Accepting Applications for Exhibits Coordinator:** The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is seeking an individual to coordinate the Takoma Park Community Center exhibits program. The selected individual would serve from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. Submissions are due on or before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011. Visit www.takomaparkmd.gov. *(Housing and Community Development)*

14. **Takoma Park Poet Laureate - Call for Nominations:** The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting nominees for the Takoma Park Poet Laureate. The selected poet would serve from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2013. Submissions are due on or before 4:30 P.M. on Monday, May 9, 2011. For details, go to www.takomaparkmd.gov. *(Housing and Community Development)*

15. **W.A.U. Student Service Project (Heffner Park CC):** On Wednesday, April 6, 2011, ten Washington Adventist University students and Dr. Al Bacchus, Professor of Health/Wellness and PE, helped to serve the Takoma Park community by completing small fixer-up projects at the Heffner Park Community Center and Takoma Park Community Center. Students said that they felt a sense of accomplishment for completing the tasks that were assigned; the Recreation Department was thankful for their contributions. April is National Volunteer Month so if you're looking for rewarding service opportunities and want to give back to the community please contact Eric Rasch at (301) 891-7225. *(Recreation)*

16. **Walk-in Registration Event (Youth: Baseball and T-ball):** On Saturday, April 9, 2011, a special walk-in registration will be held at the Silver Spring Town Center from 2pm 5pm. Youth will be able to register for TP/SS Baseball and Takoma Park Recreation Department T-Ball. For details, call Lew McAllister 301.891.7284. *(Recreation)*

17. **Girls Lacrosse Program:** This program is awesome! Your child will have a blast learning Lacrosse from Tessa Mork, Captain of the Montgomery Blair H.S. Varsity Girls Lacrosse team. For more information about this program please visit the Recreation Department website at www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation. *(Recreation)*

18. **Track Skills Clinic:** Parents, does your child love to run? If so, this is the perfect program for you. This clinic will introduce your child to the basic fundamentals of track. Program will

emphasize proper stretching, breathing and running techniques. Begins Tuesday, April 12, 2011 and is held at the Takoma Park Middle School track. Participants will only need sneakers and a water bottle to participate. (Ages 6 - 9) 3:45 - 4:45 PM, (Ages 10 - 12) 4:45 - 5:45 PM For additional details call Lew McAllister 301.891.7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

19. Adult Softball League (Register Today!): Don't miss out on a great opportunity to meet new friends, interact with old friends and compete for your chance to be crowned league champion. Teams are already being formed. Both team and individual registrations will be accepted. To register online go to www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional details contact Lew McAllister 301.891.7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

20. T-Ball League Update!: Registrations for the 2011 T-Ball season are going really well and teams are filling up fast. This program already has nearly 60 registered participants and space is limited. The 2011 season will be here before you know it, don't wait, register today!! The T-Ball program is open to all girls and boys in grades K-1. To register online go to: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional details call Lew McAllister 301.891.7284 or LewM@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

21. Seniors Swim Into Spring: Seniors had fun at the Piney Branch Pool Open House on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. They learned about the pool, met pool staff, and tried out a water aerobics class. Many thanks to Joyce Seamens, Director of Pool Operations, for providing this opportunity. For pool information, call Joyce Seamens at 301-565-0190, or Paula Lisowski, Recreation Department, at 301-891-7280. *(Recreation)*

22. Open Arts Studio for Seniors: Seniors can enjoy one more free Open Arts Studio on Monday, April 11, 2011. Classes will resume in the fall. Under the direction of instructor Alice Sims, seniors can expand their art skills, learn new techniques, and be creative in a relaxed atmosphere. For more information, call Paula Lisowski at (301) 891-7280. *(Recreation)*

23. Seniors Knit Sweaters: Instructor June Gable will help seniors learn to knit their first lovely pull-over long sleeve sweater using a cotton blend specifically selected for this project. Participants must already know the basic knitting stitches and are required to attend the first orientation meeting. The stylish sweater they create is theirs to keep, wear and show off to family and friends. Please register on or before April 11, and bring \$15 per person (cash or check only) payable to the instructor. Please call Paula Lisowski at 301-891-7280 to register. Six Classes. Open to adults age 55 and older. Orientation meeting (mandatory) on April 11, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Class meets Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon, beginning April 25. Senior Room, Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. *(Recreation)*

24. French Circle Time: Join us this Saturday, April 9, at 10:30 a.m. for French Circle time with Madame Marie. No re-registration necessary. sponsored by the friends of the Library. *(Library)*

25. Comics Jam: Come read and discuss comics with Dave Burbank on the big screen! A Comics Jam will be held Wednesday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library. No pre-registration

necessary. *(Library)*

26. **Bleak House:** The Friends Reading Group continues their discussion of Charles Dickens' "Bleak House" on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room of the Community Center. All are invited. *(Library)*

27. **Officers in Meetings:**

- On April 4, Chief Ricucci attended a conference in Washington, D.C., put on by the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) on technology to make police departments more efficient.
- On April 7, Chief Ricucci was interviewed by the Vera Institute, who are conducting a project on police engagement in an immigrant community. Takoma Park Police are a semi-finalist in this project for future consideration. The Chief also attended a Police Pension Board meeting.
- On April 7, Capt. Coursey, Jack VanWagenen, and Deputy City Manager Suzanne Ludlow participated in the monthly Montgomery County Emergency Management Group's WebEOC drill. *(Police)*

28. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (April 1-6, 2011) may be viewed online at:

<http://tppolice.blogspot.com/2011/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. *(Police)*

29. **Officers in Training:** On April 11 through 19, Cpl. Black is attending Police and Correctional Defensive Tactics Instructor Training at the MPCTC Physical Training Center in Sykesville, Maryland. *(Police)*

30. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 115 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic and one warrant service arrest from traffic.

During April 1-7, 2011, the following details were completed:

April 1, 2011

- Philadelphia Avenue & Piney Branch Road (various traffic violations) conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

April 2, 2011

- New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- New Hampshire Avenue & Sligo Creek Park way (red light enforcement) - conducted a detail at various times and issued one State citation.
- Lee Avenue & Hancock Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

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- Takoma-Langley Crossroads Area (tag reader-suspensions) conducted a detail at various times and places and issued seven State citations.

- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.
- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations.

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- 7500 block of Carroll Avenue (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- Mississippi Avenue & Hilltop (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

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- Maple Avenue & Grant Avenue (do not enter sign) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation and one warning.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations and two warnings.

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- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Lincoln Avenue & Elm Avenue (official sign) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Hammond Avenue & Lockney Avenue (official sign) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Erskine Avenue & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations, two warnings and one Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO).
- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

(Police)

31. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week ending 4/2/11

Hours worked: 40

Calls for service: 4

State Citations issued: 81

Safety Equipment Repair Orders (SEROs) issued: 6

Warnings: 1

City tickets: 3

Reports: 12

(Police)